

Killed in Cleveland, at the hands of law enforcement personnel

Name **Age** **Nationality**

Steven Singler 41 white

September 5, 1998. Cleveland:

Mr. Singler, of Lakewood, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland), was gunned down by Cleveland Municipal Housing Authority Police Officers Tyrone Cooper and Jack Justice. Mr. Singler reportedly went up to an undercover cop and allegedly got into some kind of altercation. Police grabbed him, but he got away. He got into his truck and drove off, supposedly dragging one of the officers. Police shot and killed him. They were not charged in connection with his death.

James Harris 51 African American

August 15, 1998. Cleveland (Outhwaite Housing Projects):

James and his wife, Lorene, were arguing over a music tape, and they could not seem to stop. At one point, Lorene called the Cleveland Municipal Housing Authority police to calm her husband down. Two white cops, Officers Derrick Keidel and Michael Lewis, approached James as he was trying to get into his apartment with a knife since he had left the key inside. The cops saw him at his door and shot him down as he raised his arms. As he fell, the cops kept shooting. As James lay dying, his wife was handcuffed and put in a police car for hours, from where she could see her husband dying. She was then taken downtown for questioning. The city claims that James lunged at the police with his knife. But he was twenty feet away and was shot down as soon as police saw him. No charges were brought against the cops.

Dennis Tate 22 Black

August 7, 1998. Cleveland (9th & St. Clair):

The police began chasing a car driven by a 13-year-old girl after she cut through the parking lot of a Shell gas station to avoid a traffic light. Police chased her at speeds of up to 80 mph until her car crashed into another vehicle being driven by a friend of Dennis Tate. Dennis Tate, a passenger in the struck vehicle, was ejected through the car window, thrown through a bus shelter window, and killed. The 13-year-old driver was given an eight year sentence in a youth prison. But the police were not charged or disciplined. The family of Dennis Tate blames the police for killing their son.

Correy Major Black

July 2, 1998. Cleveland:

The Cleveland police narcotics unit was passing by on its way to an assignment when they saw Mr. Major talking to a girl. The cops jumped out, and Mr. Major ran. He ran up the stairs of a building where someone he knew lived. According to witnesses, Mr. Major had just opened the door of an apartment when Officer Robert Clark tried to grab him. Mr. Major reportedly shot and killed the cop. Another officer shot and killed Mr. Major.

Andre Tony 27 —

June 14, 1998. Warrensville Heights:

Mr. Tony was shot and killed by Warrensville police. He was an out-of-town psychiatric patient staying in a local motel.

Hassan Haamid 60 Black

April 11, 1998. Warrensville Heights:

The police were called to Mr. Haamid's home on a domestic dispute. According to a neighbor, Mr. Haamid came out of the house pleading for help. Police may have claimed he was threatening them with a gun, but eyewitnesses said he was not threatening police. After a short time, cops shot and killed him near his home.

Richard Jacobs 28 white

July 14, 1997. 32nd & Clark Avenues:

Richard Jacobs was shot and killed by an off-duty county sheriff. Richard had supposedly stolen some toiletries from the Walgreen store. The off-duty deputy chased him and fatally shot him in the back when Richard was cornered against a wall with no place to go.

Darnell Davis 28 African American

June 11, 1997. 102nd & Colonial St.:

Darnell was beaten and maced after a minor traffic accident at 3:30 pm. Police sprayed pepper gas into his mouth and nose, causing a fatal heart attack. It was ruled "justifiable homicide."

Adolph Boyd, Jr. 30 African American

April 14, 1997. 118th & Buckeye Ave.:

Adolph was shot at least 12 times in the back and killed by one or two Cleveland cops as he was walking toward Wendy's. Although police say he was brandishing a gun, none has been produced.

James Rhodes 26 African American

February 19, 1997. 107th & St. Clair:

James was brutally beaten and then shot to death by a Cleveland cop, Earl Holcomb. Before the beating and shooting, James had been nearly run down by the police car while standing around with some of his friends. The cop was cleared by the County Grand Jury of any wrongdoing.

Paul Cavins 35 white

February 10, 1997. East 78th:

Paul was gunned down by police without warning in front of his house.

Stephen Horton 41 African American

January 1, 1997. Cleveland (4th District Jail):

Stephen was arrested but never booked on disorderly conduct charges. After being taken to the Fourth District jail on Dec. 31, 1996, another inmate called Stephen's parents and Stephen yelled to them that he wanted them to come to the jail to see what was going on. In another call to a friend Stephen asked a friend to pick him up as soon as he was released. He said that his shoelaces and belt had been taken and that detectives were harassing him. Stephen stated that he was not going out like that. Stephen's parents got a call in the early hours of Jan. 1, 1997 from Detective Gunsh. The detective told them their son had committed suicide by hanging. The Horton's were in shock, knowing their son, at 41, was not depressed and was very much in control. A few hours later, the Horton's asked to see the cell where Stephen had allegedly hung himself. Their request was refused. They were not allowed to view the body for identification at the city morgue (They were told the police had already done that). After getting a lawyer, the Horton's were able to see their son's body at the morgue, more than a day after his death. But even then, they were only allowed to see him through glass. Stephen's body was also wrapped in gauze from his chin to his toes, obscuring the condition of his body. When Stephen's father saw pictures of his son taken at the morgue, he could see they had been doctored. When he took pictures at the funeral home, bruises were visible. Many questions remain unanswered. For example, why was Stephen taken directly from the jail to the morgue when a hospital is a few blocks away from the jail? Two years after Stephen's death, with the city still refusing to investigate, the Horton's had Stephen's body exhumed. An autopsy was performed by their own medical examiner. Another shock: seven body parts were missing, including parts around the throat area and Stephen's testes. The Horton's grieve and also continue to fight for justice for Stephen. The victim's father described his son, saying he "had a firm handshake, a magnetic personality, very intelligent, he was a magnet for all people of all races and nationalities. All Stephen had to do was open his mouth and it looked as if people just gravitated toward him."

Steven Harms 29 white

August 16, 1996. Cleveland:

Steven was shot and killed by a Cleveland cop who came right into his house after a routine domestic violence call. A cop came into his house as he had his head on the kitchen table, tired from drinking. Steven had no weapon and was shot twice after he was told to wake up after being passed out. Steven left behind a wife and two daughters. The officer was cleared on the grounds of justifiable homicide.

Michael Thomas Smolira 23 white

July 26, 1996. Cleveland:

After a routine traffic stop, Michael was beaten up badly before he was shot and killed. The police claimed he tried to kill an officer.

Edward V. Uhnak 34 white

May 1, 1996. Cleveland:

Mr. Uhnak was killed by police when they told him to drop what they thought was a gun. It was actually a metal rod covered by a blanket.

Granville Caudell, Jr. 46 African American

April 30, 1996. Cleveland:

Graanville was beaten and his ribs broken before being arrested. The coroner ruled it was homicide because his injuries provoked a heart attack while in jail that led to his death. The grand jury cleared the cop(s).

Sylvester Tate 39 African American

August 19, 1995. Cleveland:

Sylvester was shot and killed by police as he sat on a couch in his living room. According to police, he had a gun.

David Cardenas 35 Latino (?)

December 30, 1994. Cleveland (westside):

The police were called because David was drunk and allegedly came out on his porch swinging a bat and hit the porch railing. As he stood on his porch, a cop shot him dead. The cop was cleared of any wrongdoing.

Harvey Burton 24 African American

October 26, 1994. I-90 (highway):

After a low-speed chase on I-90 in an EMS (Emergency Medical Service) truck he had stolen, Harvey had already stopped when the police walked up to the window and shot him in the head. Harvey was unarmed.

Spencer Calhoun 28 African American

August 20, 1994. Cleveland:

Spencer Calhoun was stopped for a minor traffic violation. He was taken to the 4th district but not charged. He was taken to Cleveland Heights for a past traffic violation. After being in the Cleveland Heights jail for several hours, Calhoun had an apparent seizure and was taken to Huron Hospital where doctors noticed bruises on his body and massive internal head injuries. The cops in the Cleveland Heights jail said Spencer got his injuries from falling off a cell bench. He died a week after being beaten.

Rebecca Miller 22 African American

June 6, 1994. Cleveland:

Rebecca was shot and killed at close range in the hallway of her apartment. The police had been called in on a domestic squabble with her boyfriend. Allegedly, Rebecca would not drop the knives she had in her hand. She was killed with her 2-year-old son by her side.

Zobeyda Rivera 19 Latina

May 13, 1994. Bay Village (Cleveland suburb):

Ms. Rivera was killed execution-style by the Cleveland Police when she ran out of a stolen car after a 30 minute car chase. She weighed 90 pounds. She was thrown to the ground with police on top of her. Her jacket was put over her head and she was shot in the back of the head. The officer was not charged.

Michael Smith 33 African American

March 23, 1994. Woodhill Ave.:

Michael was shot 5 to 7 times and killed by two 4th district vice detectives as he got off the bus. He had a beer bottle in his hand.

Everett Dismuke 20 African American

November 28, 1993. Lee Road:

Everett was brutally gunned down on Lee Road. The police claimed he grabbed at the cop's gun, but eyewitnesses say that didn't happen.

Darnell Baker 16 African American

October 5, 1993. Cleveland:

Darnell was gunned down by a Cleveland detective as he supposedly tried to steal her car.

Michael Pipkins 23 African American

December 28, 1992. Cleveland (131st & Miles):

Michael Pipkins was choked to death by two cops, thrown in the police car, taken to the Fourth District, and put into a cell dead. Even though the coroner ruled his death was caused by the police, the cops were never charged, and a grand jury ruled it justifiable. Michael was being arrested on suspicion for driving a stolen car. But there was no stolen car, and Michael was not even in a car at the time. He was just hanging out with a friend, enjoying Christmas week. The only "punishment" the two cops who killed Michael received was one day of paid leave each.

Larry Thomas 28 African American

September 12, 1992. downtown Cleveland (Palace Theater):

A homeless man, Larry was choked to death by police when he was getting in out of the cold at the Palace Theater.

Ronnie Williams 28 African American

October 29, 1991. Cleveland (eastside):

Ronnie was chased by a bounty hunter and the FBI in cars. Ronnie jumped out of his car and tried to run inside his mother's house. He got to a yard next door. He threw his hands up and threw his gun away. They riddled him with bullets in front of his mother and neighbors.

Dwayne Harris 31 African American

September 14, 1991. Cleveland (eastside):

While stopped at a traffic light, a relative of a friend in the car asked for \$2 to borrow. Two unmarked police cars came up to the front and back of Dwayne's car. A cop got out, came up to Dwayne's car and shot through the window, killing him.

Napoleon H. Woods III 25 African American

May 28, 1990. Cleveland (eastside):

Napoleon was shot in the face with a shotgun blast and killed after he and his girlfriend had a struggle with the police. The police claimed that they'd been threatened.

Josh Nicholas 13 —

April 1998 (?). Cleveland:

A stolen car carrying three teenagers sped past a police cruiser. Police started a chase but refused to say how fast they were going. The teenagers' car hit a utility pole. Josh, a passenger, was thrown from the car and killed. The driver and another passenger, both age 15, were injured, one critically.

Danny Harmon 38 white

November 1996. Cleveland (westside):

Danny was coming out of a housing project to meet his sister. As he approached her car, two cops jumped out to grab him. Danny ran and the cops ran after him. They also took the keys out of his sister's car and kept them so that she couldn't follow and check on her brother's safety. The police returned after an hour and a half but without Danny. One cop said Danny went into the river and the other cops said he didn't. The city refused to search the river. After weeks of Danny's friends and relatives searching the area, his body was found in a shallow pool of water surrounded by ten foot walls. He'd been clearly beaten and thrown into this pool. The police involved continued to work. The authorities claimed Danny had been in the wrong place (i.e., he was a white man in a mostly Black and Latino housing project). They also said it was wrong to run from the police.

Shirley Jackson 30 African American

1996. Cleveland (in custody):

Ms. Jackson died of a heart attack while in police custody. She had no health problems before she was put in jail.

Walter Dobzansky 54 white

mid-Nov., 1993. West 11th St.:

Walter was gunned down by two cops in his own house on West 11th Street. The police were called there about a burning chair in the basement. The police say Walter drew a gun on them, but no shots were ever fired.

Audrey Marshall 34 African American

Easter, 1990. Cleveland (eastside):

Audrey was killed by two officers in her kitchen after the police had chased her as she was trying to protect her baby. The officer was cleared and said he shot in self-defense.

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